

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Friday, Congressman Tim Ryan (D-Ohio) introduced legislation-with 14 House Members as original cosponsors-that would name the Federal building at 2 South Main Street in Akron after Congressman John F. Seiberling. Congressman Seiberling represented the greater Akron area in Congress for 16 years between 1971 and 1987. The bill, introduced September 8, 2006, on Seiberling's 88th birthday, would designate the building as the "John F. Seiberling Federal Building";.

"John Seiberling's service to his community, state and nation is a shining example of what it means to serve the common good," said **Congressman Ryan**. "I couldn't be more proud to offer this deserving tribute to a man who set the standard for what a Member of Congress and dedicated public official should be. His vision, commitment and dedication to making a real difference stands as an example for all of us, and it is fitting that Congress recognize John Seiberling's legacy by ensuring that his lasting mark on the City of Akron, Ohio and our nation is honored and remembered forever."

"John Seiberling has been a dedicated public servant and a champion of the interests of Ohio families," said **Congressman Sherrod Brown**. "A nationally recognized leader in the conservation of our natural resources, John Seiberling has made a better America for the next generation."

A longtime champion of the environment, it was John Seiberling's vision and tireless legislative efforts that created the 33,000-acre Cuyahoga Valley National Park, which runs 33 miles from northern Akron to the outskirts of Cleveland. Creation of the park was critical to preserving the precious remaining open green space in the area which at the time was under sustained threat from urban expansion and development. Seiberling's efforts to preserve the Cuyahoga Valley's green space began in the early 1960's and culminated in 1974 when, as U.S. Representative for the former 14th Congressional District, his legislation passed that created the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. In 2000, it became a National Park.

H.R. 6051 has 14 cosponsors and has been referred to the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure for consideration.

The following Members of Congress have cosponsored H.R. 6051:

Rep Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]

Rep Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]

Rep Hobson, David L. [R-OH-7]

Rep Jones, Stephanie Tubbs [D-OH-11]

Rep Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]

Rep LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]

Rep LaTourette, Steve C. [R-OH-14]

Rep Miller, George [D-CA-7]

Rep Obey, David R. [D-WI-7]

Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]

Rep Regula, Ralph [R-OH-16]

Rep Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]

Rep Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]

Rep Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]